or spies for foregn countries in the "Bhagwan Rajneesh entrourage" which recently came from the U.S.A Shri Rajneesh arrived in Delhi on November 17, 1985 and left the country on January 3, 1986.

Functioning of friendship societies

1782. SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a survey of freindship societies operating in India as lobbies of foreign countries and their embassies and to find out participation of senior Government officers there, particulary in the context of spying cases; and

(b) how many such societies are functioning in India and how many are obtaining free tickets and hospitalities for reciprocal hospitalities in foregn countries, whether Government demand a report from them about their activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL SECURITY (SHRI ARUN NEHRU): (a) No, Sir. However, action under law is taken against any individual or organisations which is found indulging in activities prejudicial to national security.

(b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

1783. [*Transferred to the 18th March*, 1986].

Anti-Riot Police Battalions

1784. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many anti-riot police battalions have been raised till December, 1985;

(b) whether these battalions have been sent to States where riots occurred recently;

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) what measures have been taken to ensure the adequate recruitment of minorities and weaker sections in the anti-riot battalions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL SECURITY (SHRI ARUN NEHRU): (a) Six battalions of the CRPF were raised to function as Special Peace Keeping Force for deployment.

(b) These battalions were deployed in Andhra Pradesh, Harayana, Punjab, Tripura, Assam, Mizoram, Delhi, Gujarat and Chandigarh during the period from January 1985 to February 1986.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The recruitment of personnel to these battalions is made in accordance with the recruitment rules and it is ensured that these battalions represent the cross-sections of the society.

Drug flow across the Indo-Pak Border

1785. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is substantial increase in the flow of drugs into the country from across the Indo-Pak border;

(b) if so, what is the quantity with value of the narcotics seized at the Indo-Pak border at the end of 1985 and how does it compare with the figures at the end of 1984; and

(c) whether Government have reviewed the existing measures to prevent smuggling of drugs into the country, if so, what steps have been taken by Government to plug the loopholes, and to sterngthene the measures to check the illegal trade of narcotics?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL SECURITY (SHRI ARUN NEHRU): (a) and (b) The quantity of narcotics seized by BSF and their value is given elow:—

Year	Quantity (in Kgs.)	Value (in crores)
1984 . . .	3,536·968	4·14
1985 . . .	2,474·910	21·06

This increase in value was due to more heroin being seized in 1985 than in 1984.

(c) The security forces at the border are on alert. Measures taken for strengthening surveillance along the border include: strengthening of BSF, establishing additional border out-posts, construction of observation post towers and providing increased mobility to border patrols etc.

President's assent for Bills passed by West Bengal State Legislative Assembly

1786. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the particulars of the Bills passed by the West Bengal State Legislative Assembly yet to get assent of the President of India; and

(b) what are the reasons for delay in each case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL SECURITY (SHRI ARUN NEHRU):

(a) *and* (b) *Particulars of the Bills passed by the West Bengal Legislative Assembly pending for the assent the President as on* 7-3-86

Sl. No.	Date of Receipt	Name of the Bill	Reasons for the delay
1	24-12-81	The West Bengal Mazdoor Tindal Loader, Godownman and other Workers (Regullation of Employment and Welfare) Bill, 1981.	Under examination in consultation with administrative Ministries.
2	22-11-83	The Trade Union (West Bengal Amendment) Bill, 1983.	Under examination in consultation with the administrative Ministries.
3	26-4-84	The West Bengal Shops and Establishments (Amendment) Bill, 1984.	Pending for clarifications with the State Government since 22-3-85.
4	21-5-84	The Calcutta University (Amendment) Bill, 1984.	Under examination in consultation with the administrative Ministries.
5	19-6-85	The Code of Criminal Procedure (West Bengal Amendment) Bill, 1985.	Pending for clarifications with the State Government since 3-9-85.